

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 197
By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mayor John Neal Winstead, Sr. of
McEwen on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those public servants who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, John Neal Winstead, Sr. is one such estimable individual who has served with distinction for twelve years as Mayor of McEwen; in June 2003, he will begin a well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, born on February 19, 1927, to parents Essie and Luther H. Winstead of McEwen, he is one of eleven children; and

WHEREAS, at the age of seventeen, John Neal Winstead, Sr. followed the example of his older brothers and enlisted in the Navy during World War II, serving this great country with remarkable valor; and

WHEREAS, on January 3, 1948, Mr. Winstead married Barbara H. Hooper, and this loving couple has been blessed with five children and seven grandchildren in their fifty-five years of wedded bliss; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Winstead began his meritorious career in public service in 1949 with his election to the McEwen Board of Aldermen; in 1972, he was elected as a Humphreys County Magistrate; and

WHEREAS, John Neal Winstead, Sr. was elected to his first term as Mayor of McEwen in 1991, and as he successfully demonstrated his outstanding capacity for municipal leadership, he was overwhelmingly reelected in 1995 and 1999; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious tenure, Mayor Winstead has worked assiduously toward the improvement of his beloved McEwen: he helped create a new playground for the town's children, facilitated the construction of a new post office and brought scores of new jobs to the community; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Winstead continues to be an active and important part of his community, participating in numerous civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Winstead exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mayor John Neal Winstead, Sr. has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of the good people of McEwen; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to John Neal Winstead, Sr. our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors, as we pay tribute to his indelible legacy as Mayor of McEwen.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.